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SUBJECT: DEVESI NAMED GOVERNOR GENERAL OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

1. SUMMARY: BADDELEY DEVESI, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR WORKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES, HAS BEEN NAMED TO BECOME GOVERNOR GENERAL OF SOLOMON ISLANDS ON INDEPENDENCE ON JULY 7, 1978. ALTHOUGH HIS SELECTION CAME AS A SURPRISE, DEVESI, A 1976 IV GRANTEE, IS POPULAR, WELL-EDUCATED, ABLE AND SHOULD BE A GOOD CHOICE. END SUMMARY.

2. SOLOMON ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAS CHOSEN BADDELEY DEVESI TO BECOME SOLOMON ISLANDS FIRST GOVERNOR GENERAL ON JULY 7, 1978. THE 36 YEAR OLD DEVESI WAS A SURPRISE CHOICE BUT A GOOD ONE. A FORMER TEACHER, POLITICIAN AND PUBLIC SERVANT, DEVESI WAS DESCRIBED IN BIO REPORTS AS EARLY AS 1967 AS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING POLITICIANS TO SURFACE IN THE
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SOLOMONS. IMMENSELY POPULAR, HE NEVERTHELESS CHOSE PUBLIC SERVICE OVER A CONTINUED CAREER IN POLITICS. THIS BROAD GAUGED YOUNG MAN HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN MELANESIAN (ANGLICAN) CHURCH AFFAIRS AND IS ONE OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS BEST KNOWN ATHLETES.

3. DURING HIS 1976 VISIT TO THE U.S. ON AN IV GRANT,

DEVESI WAS DESCRIBED AS EASY GOING, PLEASANT AND PERCEPTIVE.
HE DESCRIBED HIS VISIT AS USEFUL AND INTERESTING AND WE
CONSIDER HIM A FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES.

4. A BIO DATA REPORT ON DEVESI WAS SUBMITTED SEPTEMBER
11, 1967 AND SUPPLEMENTED IN 75 PORT MORESBY A-32. WITH
THE ADDITION OF HIS NEW POST, BIO DATA MAY BE CONSIDERED
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